

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

- v. -

JOAO DJALMA PRESTES JUNIOR,
a/k/a "Joao Pereira,"

: CONSENT PRELIMINARY ORDER
OF FORFEITURE AS TO SPECIFIC
PROPERTY/
MONEY JUDGMENT

: 20 Cr. 416 (JSR)

:
Defendant.

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WHEREAS, on or about August 18, 2020, JOAO DJALMA PRESTES JUNIOR, a/k/a "Joao Pereira" (the "Defendant"), was charged in an Indictment, 20 Cr. 416 (JSR) (the "Indictment"), with wire fraud in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1343 and 2 (Count One); and conspiracy to commit wire fraud, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1349 (Count Two);

WHEREAS, the Indictment included a forfeiture allegation as to Counts One and Two of the Indictment, seeking forfeiture to the United States, pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 981(a)(1)(C) and Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c), of any and all property, real and personal, that constitutes or derived from proceeds traceable to the commission of the offenses charged in Counts One and Two of the Indictment, including but not limited to a sum of money in United States currency representing the amount of proceeds traceable to the commission of the offenses charged in Counts One and Two of the Indictment;

WHEREAS, on or about June 18, 2020, the Honorable Magistrate Judge James L. Cott issued a seizure warrant authorizing the Government to seized the following assets as proceeds traceable to the offenses charged in Counts One and Two of the Indictment:

- a. All monies and funds contained in Bank of America account 898092725275, held in the name of Pacto Finance LLC and all funds

- traceable thereto, including accrued interest, (the “5275 Account”) and;
- b. All monies and funds contained in Bank of America account 898080525500, held in the name of Joao Djalma Prestes Junior and all funds traceable thereto, including accrued interest (the “5500 Account”);

WHEREAS on or about June 19, 2020, the Government seized the following property from the Defendant;

- a. \$154,346.88 in United States currency from the 5275 Account (the “Specific Property”); and
- b. \$3,747.37 in United States currency from the 5500 Account (the “5500 Account Seized Funds”);

WHEREAS, on or about December 30, 2020, a Declaration of Administrative Forfeiture was entered, forfeiting the 5275 Account Seized Funds to the Government;

WHEREAS, on or about April 7, 2021, the Defendant pled guilty to Counts One and Two of the Indictment, pursuant to a plea agreement with the Government, wherein the Defendant admitted the forfeiture allegation with respect to Counts One and Two of the Indictment and agreed to forfeit to the United States, pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 981, Title 21 United States Code, Section 853, and Title 28 United States Code, Section 2461(i), a sum of money equal to \$11,617,874.25 in United States currency, representing the amount of proceeds traceable to the commission of the offenses charged in Counts One and Two of the Indictment; and

WHEREAS, the Defendant consents to the entry of a money judgment in the amount of \$15,266,679.10 in United States currency representing the amount of proceeds traceable to the offenses charged in Counts One and Two of the Indictment that the Defendant personally

obtained, for which the Defendant would be jointly and severally liable with any co-conspirators (“Co-Conspirators”) for the conduct charged in Counts One and Two of the Information, to the extent forfeiture money judgments are ultimately entered against the Co-Conspirators;

WHEREAS, the Defendant further consents to the forfeiture of all his right, title and interest in the Specific Property, which constitutes proceeds of the offenses charged in Counts One and Two of the Indictment;

WHEREAS, the Defendant admits that, as a result of acts and/or omissions of the Defendant, the proceeds traceable to the offenses charged in Counts One and Two of the Indictment that the Defendant personally obtained cannot be located upon the exercise of due diligence, with the exception of the Specific Property; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(g), and Rules 32.2(b)(3), and 32.2(b)(6) of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, the Government is now entitled, pending any assertion of third-party claims, to reduce the Specific Property to its possession and to notify any and all persons who reasonably appear to be a potential claimant of their interest herein;

IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED, by and between the United States of America, by its attorney Audrey Strauss, United States Attorney, Assistant United States Attorney, Micah F. Fergenson of counsel, and the Defendant, and his counsel, Matthew J. Kluger, Esq., that:

1. As a result of the offenses charged in Counts One and Two of the Indictment, to which the Defendant pled guilty, a money judgment in the amount of \$15,266,679.10 in United States currency (the “Money Judgment”), representing the amount of proceeds traceable to the offenses charged in Counts One and Two of the Indictment that the

defendant personally obtained, for which the Defendant would be jointly and severally liable with the Co-Conspirators for the conduct charged in Counts One and Two of the Information, to the extent forfeiture money judgments are ultimately entered against the Co-Conspirators, shall be entered against the Defendant.

2. As a result of the offenses charged in Counts One and Two of the Indictment, to which the Defendant pled guilty, all of the Defendant's right, title and interest in the Specific Property is hereby forfeited to the United States for disposition in accordance with the law, subject to the provisions of Title 21, United States Code, Section 853.

3. Pursuant to Rule 32.2(b)(4) of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, this Consent Preliminary Order of Forfeiture as to Specific Property/Money Judgment is final as to the Defendant, JOAO DJALMA PRESTES JUNIOR, a/k/a "Joao Pereira", and shall be deemed part of the sentence of the Defendant, and shall be included in the judgment of conviction therewith.

4. All payments on the outstanding Money Judgment shall be made by postal money order, bank or certified check, made payable to the United States Marshals Service, and delivered by mail to the United States Attorney's Office, Southern District of New York, Attn: Money Laundering and Transnational Criminal Enterprises Unit, One St. Andrew's Plaza, New York, New York 10007 and shall indicate the Defendant's name and case number.

5. The United States Marshals Service is authorized to deposit the payments on the Money Judgment in the Assets Forfeiture Fund, and the United States shall have clear title to such forfeited property.

6. Upon entry of this Consent Preliminary Order of Forfeiture as to Specific Property/Money Judgment, the United States (or its designee) is hereby authorized to take possession of the Specific Property and to hold such property in its secure custody and control.

7. Pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(n)(1), Rule 32.2(b)(6) of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, and Rules G(4)(a)(iv)(C) and G(5)(a)(ii) of the Supplemental Rules for Certain Admiralty and Maritime Claims and Asset Forfeiture Actions, the United States is permitted to publish forfeiture notices on the government internet site, www.forfeiture.gov. This site incorporates the forfeiture notices that have been traditionally published in newspapers. The United States forthwith shall publish the internet ad for at least thirty (30) consecutive days. Any person, other than the Defendant, claiming interest in the Specific Property must file a Petition within sixty (60) days from the first day of publication of the Notice on this official government internet web site, or no later than thirty-five (35) days from the mailing of actual notice, whichever is earlier.

8. The published notice of forfeiture shall state that the petition (i) shall be for a hearing to adjudicate the validity of the petitioner's alleged interest in the Specific Property, (ii) shall be signed by the petitioner under penalty of perjury, and (iii) shall set forth the nature and extent of the petitioner's right, title or interest in the Specific Property, the time and circumstances of the petitioner's acquisition of the right, title and interest in the Specific Property, any additional facts supporting the petitioner's claim, and the relief sought, pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(n).

9. Pursuant to 32.2 (b)(6)(A) of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, the Government shall send notice to any person who reasonably appears to be a potential claimant with standing to contest the forfeiture in the ancillary proceeding.

10. Upon adjudication of all third-party interests, this Court will enter a Final Order of Forfeiture with respect to the Specific Property pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(n), in which all interests will be addressed. All Specific Property forfeited to the

United States under a Final Order of Forfeiture and the 5500 Account Seized Funds shall be applied towards the satisfaction of the Money Judgment.

11. Pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(p), the United States is authorized to seek forfeiture of substitute assets of the Defendant up to the uncollected amount of the Money Judgment.

12. Pursuant to Rule 32.2(b)(3) of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, the United States Attorney's Office is authorized to conduct any discovery needed to identify, locate or dispose of forfeitable property, including depositions, interrogatories, requests for production of documents and the issuance of subpoenas.

13. The Court shall retain jurisdiction to enforce this Consent Preliminary Order of Forfeiture as to Specific Property/Money Judgment, and to amend it as necessary, pursuant to Rule 32.2 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure.

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14. The signature page of this Consent Preliminary Order of Forfeiture as to Specific Property/Money Judgment may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which will be deemed an original but all of which together will constitute one and the same instrument.

AGREED AND CONSENTED TO:

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SO ORDERED:

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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